REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The final Office Action of May 30, 2008 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 15-23, and 25 are pending. Claims 2-14 and 24 are cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitation of claim 10. As claim 10 has already been examined, this amendment does not raise new issues. Claims 17-21 are withdrawn as drawn to non-elected species. It is respectfully requested that amended claim 1 is allowable and accordingly, so are claims 17-21 which depend thereon. In addition method claims 22 and 23 depend on claim 1 and hence include the same limitations as claim 1. Rejoinder of claims 22 and 23 is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 15-16, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in regard to the term R. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the definition found in claim 10. Claim 10 was not included in this rejection. It is further noted that this rejection refers to previously canceled claims 2-4 and 6 Hence the rejection is moot.

Claims 1, 8-10, 15-16, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by newly cited Medaer et al. *Tetrahedron*, 1997, 52(26), pp. 8813-8826. Medaer does not teach an R_1 group having a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group as claimed in amended claim 1. Medaer does not teach each and every element of the instant claims; thus Medaer cannot anticipate the instant claims. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

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